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The Honorable Robert A. Lovett
The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

You will recall that I wrote to you on 11 December 1951 on possibilities of exploiting certain of our assets in the Far East.

The views expressed by Admiral Radford on his recent visit, which were also given to you, closely paralleled those of this Agency in certain important respects. Our talks with him, and even more recently, with the Secretaries of the respective Services, have tended to emphasize the urgent need for getting on with something really definitive in the way of planning for this area. I spoke with General Bradley yesterday about it, but he did not know of the original letter.

As stated in my previous letter, [redacted] who is now in the Far East but who will return to Washington the end of this week, is prepared to participate in any planning syndicate which you or the Joint Chiefs of Staff may wish to establish.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
Director

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